

Belle Plaine High School Medication Policy

Dear High School Students and Parents/Guardian,

In the best interest of our students and staff members, we want you to know the USD 357 policy regarding medication for high school students.

1. We only give prescribed medicine at school. Please bring any prescription medicine in the original pharmacy container with written instructions from your physician or dentist. If this is impossible, your physician may phone instructions to me. If medicine is prescribed in the emergency room or your physician gives you samples, remember to ask for written instructions for school.
2. If a student's medicine is prescribed for three (3) times a day, please give all doses at home unless your doctor gives specific instructions otherwise. The schedule most parents use is (1) at breakfast, (2) after school, and (3) at bedtime. If a student's medicine is prescribed for four (4) times a day, one dose can be given during school hours.
3. It is not specifically against USD 357 policy for high school students to carry and self-administer appropriate over the counter medications such as ibuprofen or cough drops. Students must carry only one day's supply in the original medication container and must explain the situation completely to appropriate staff members when asked to do so.
4. If a student needs prescribed medication during a school sponsored event such as a field trip or athletic event, arrangements must be made prior to that event. Depending on the student's age and situation, the medication will be administered by supervising adult or by the student.

This policy is based on guidelines from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, and on regulations from the Kansas State Board of Education and the Kansas State Board of Nursing. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me, at the middle school 488-2222 or high school 488-2421.

Thank you,
Rigaile Lawless, RN
middle/high school nurse